

**Vancouver Sea to Sky Meeting & Richmond Delta Burnaby Branch Meeting**  
**August 21, 2006, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Laura Staude, Angela Guy, Barb Keith, Gillian Sexsmith, Judy Ageson, Soroursadat Mihrebrahimi, Felora Farahani, Duncan Stephen

**1. Branch Membership Survey**

- The RDB survey was sent out, and twenty-two individuals responded. Many individuals were interested in helping with specific, time limited tasks.
- The VSS survey is almost ready to be distributed.

**Action(s):**

- Duncan will roll up the results of the RDB survey, and will send an update out to members with preliminary results and a reminder to others who may still wish to respond.
- Duncan will modify the VSS survey and, once it is approved by members, will distribute it.

**2. Social Work Week**

- March 29, 2006 was proposed as the date for the branch event as it is the last Thursday of the month students would have their research posters ready.
- We will invite students to present again, and we may look at inviting a returning student to discuss where their research has lead them.
- It was also agreed that research participants and agencies would be invited, and that students' abstracts would be compiled so that they can be shared with potential employers, etc...

**Action(s):**

- Angela will follow-up with Brian O'Neill and Graham Riches to determine whether they are interested in participating in this event.
- Duncan will bring the "to do" list that Angela previously created to our next meeting.
- Duncan will follow-up with the Roundhouse to find out if space is available.
- **NB: Duncan checked into the Roundhouse and it is not available. MARC is interested in collaborating again, and has suggested some other possible locations.**

**3. Branch and Association Board Positions**

- The BCASW will be seeking a new President (the current President has resigned one year into his term), Vice President, Treasurer, and Member at Large. The qualities required for each of these positions were discussed.
- The local branches will require a new secretary. Angela agreed to stay on provided that minute taking rotate.

**Action(s):**

- Members are to consider potential nominees for various positions.

**4. Perspectives**

- SO far, we have confirmed the article on internationally trained social workers, and the write up of the Continuous Journey event.
- Angela also mentioned the possibility of doing an article on housing, especially in light of 2010. Canmore was mentioned as a parallel due to housing pressures in that community.
- We could recruit articles from organizations like SPARC, CPA, etc...
- We need to have draft articles submitted by October in order to meet the November deadline.

**Action(s):**

- We will send a reminder to the branches for branch write ups, and will work on recruiting articles.

**5. Meeting Schedule**

- It was agreed to rotate branch meetings, and three members offered to host over the fall. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at Felora's office.